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**"LITTLE TIFF."**  
Will Tabor left his four bay horses eating voraciously at the stable of the Exchange, where he always put up, and where he had just eaten a hearty dinner.  
He had disposed of the great load of wood which he had brought that morning from Stony Brook, and would start for home in an hour or so; meanwhile he would take a stroll down Main street.  
Will was a pleasant-looking fellow of 20 years, with brown, curly hair, honest laughing eyes, and a very decided mouth and chin. He had a glow upon his sun-burned cheek, and a breadth of shoulders and length of limb that were good to see.  
It was a balmy spring day; every one seemed to be in the best possible humor.  
Will sauntered along, studying the different specimens of human nature which he met, and making mental comments which would have surprised most of the objects thereof, who saw in my hero only a stalwart country-man, ruddy-faced and brown fisted.  
Presently, as he came to an opening between two buildings, he stopped suddenly, a look of amusement and tenderness making him almost handsome.  
In the shadow of a tall brick block sat a little girl—a mite of a creature—her black curls snarled all about a wee, gipsy face, with great black eyes.  
By her side lay an old brown straw hat and small red violin and bow.  
The child's dress was miserable and filthy in the extreme, and her poor little toes peeped from gaping holes in shoes, which were at least two sizes too large for her.  
But she looked as happy as a queen, and was talking and laughing softly to herself and singing little snatches of songs as she stuck some big dandelion blossoms into a little mound of dirt.  
Will saw, with a great throb of pity, that she was one of the minstrels who wander about the city streets in the summer; she was so young—not more than 7 or 8.  
And while he stood there looking at her she glanced up and saw him.  
The happy debonair look vanished instantly, the dandelions were scattered and she sprang to her feet, violin in hand, and she stood before him.  
"Musick, m'eer?" she said, with an unmistakable French accent.  
And then, before he could answer, she broke into a light swaying song, accompanying herself upon her instrument, and ending with a quaint little curtsy, held out one very small and very dirty hand.  
Will, feeling in his pockets for some pennies, inquired:  
"What is your name, chicken?"  
"Tiff, m'eer."  
"Tiff?"  
"Oui, m'eer; Tiphane—Tiff."  
And seeing the smile in his eyes the midget laughed, showing a double row of small white teeth, and began another French song, striking into a fantastic dance at the same time, always keeping the small face, with its big laughing eyes and glittering teeth turned toward him.  
"You're a little monkey," he said, laughing heartily, as he tossed her a silver dime, which she caught, and, throwing him a kiss from the tips of her dirty little fingers, turned away, and was soon lost to sight among the shifting crowds.  
The sun was just sinking behind the western hills when Will drew up his team in the doorway of the old-fashioned, comfortable cottage.  
Further on, half a mile or so, was the village, with the vane on its two white church steeples glittering in the sun's last rays.  
The shrill piping of the frogs came up from the meadow brook behind the house, and a whip-poor-will fled sobbing through the woodland.  
This was Will's house, and his eyes brightened as a little, tidy old woman in a neat cap came to the door to welcome him.  
But as he sprang to the ground there scrambled from beneath the high wagon-seat a queer little object—Tiff.  
She swung herself lightly to the ground, and, running forward, clung to the skirt of Will's coat.  
"Don't send me back, m'eer. They are so cruel. You were kind to me to-day. I saw you riding from the city, and remembered. I sprang up behind, and am here to live with you always!"  
"What does this mean, William?" said mother Tabor, in astonishment.  
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